

GERMAN CONTROL OF RUSSIAN RESOURCES

Every Day of Bolshevik Rule Gives Advantage to Hun Plans of Peaceful Absorption.

LAND TENURE CHIEF ISSUE

Ambassador Francis Would Have America Figure as Most Favored Nation.

By The Associated Press.

RYE BEACH, N. H., June 14.—(AP)—Warning that if a stable government is not established in Russia, Germany will utilize Russian resources and man power and again become a great menace to the people of Europe was given today by David A. Francis, American ambassador to Russia. Mr. Francis is recuperating here from illness which compelled him to undergo a surgical operation in London on his way home from Moscow. He is awaiting orders from the state department.

Mr. Francis was prompted to make the statement by the recent speeches of Frank A. Vanderlip, formerly president of the National City bank of New York, in which Mr. Vanderlip gave his views of the industrial situation in Europe and told America that she must be prepared to extend her credit to put European business on its feet.

"I have read with great interest," said the ambassador, "Mr. Vanderlip's note of warning. It is a warning to the economic club in New York every day. Mr. Vanderlip had requested facilities for studying conditions in Europe during his four or five months' visit and his address, which as it does from the ex-president of the largest financial institution in America, imparts most valuable information. He is not in the diplomatic service, if he were, he would have thought a second time concerning his utterance about labor conditions in England. These conditions are more or less serious in every European country and merit attention even in the United States.

Hinges on Land Question.

"The bolshevik spirit which is now manifesting itself in the Canadian strikes, I am glad to see is frowned upon by the labor unions in that country as well as in our own. If that spirit should dominate in the new world, or even if it should permeate labor circles to the extent that it did in Russia in the beginning of the bolshevik revolution, it would be a disaster to the world. It did there, attempt to appropriate the lands and that would be a disaster for the labor unions of America. Here the public domain, immense as it was, has practically all been taken up by settlers who own the soil they till and would not listen with any patience to the bolshevik doctrine of nationalizing the land.

"Land has realized this as before the Russian revolution, he said bolshevism had because to fear the large land owners of feudal barons as he called them, but the small holders among the peasantry were the most powerful enemies of bolshevism.

"I did not intend to discuss, however, even to this extent from what I wished to say concerning Mr. Vanderlip's address. While he visited almost every accessible country in Europe, he did not go to Russia nor mention the resources of that afflicted country in his comprehensive statement. He did not even take into account the productive capacity in Russia when he stated that the population of Europe had grown from 110,000,000 to 440,000,000 and without increasing its productivity nearly in the same ratio.

"Russia, during the five years ending in 1915, produced an average of 784,329,200 bushels of wheat, as compared with our 802,055,800 bushels during the same period. The year period was 335,124,000 bushels of wheat as compared with our 782,300,000 bushels. During those five years the average production of oats in Russia was 1,045,055,800 bushels as against our average of 1,224,188,300 bushels. Likewise Russia's average production of barley for this five-year period was 492,551,000 bushels, while our average was only 128,777,600 bushels. The disparity of rye production is still more startling. Russia's average for the five-year period was 335,124,000 bushels and ours was only 39,424,400 bushels. The Russians eat more rye bread than bread made of wheat.

"The grand total for the five years 1911-15, both inclusive, for the crops of wheat, oats, barley and rye, was as follows:

	Bushels
Russia	16,285,500,000
United States	11,322,230,000
Average of Russia for five years	3,247,100,000
Average of United States for five years	2,264,446,000

"It will be seen from these figures that Russia, notwithstanding her population of 180,000,000 people, can furnish enough surplus to feed all the remainder of Europe. These figures show only the capacity of Russia for growing those grains which sustain European life—Europe has not yet learned to eat corn bread.

"I shall not tire your readers on this occasion, to mention other immeasurable resources of Russia except to say that that country has boundless forests of timber, enormous deposits of coal, copper and

lead, to say nothing of her deposits of the precious ores, gold, silver and platinum.

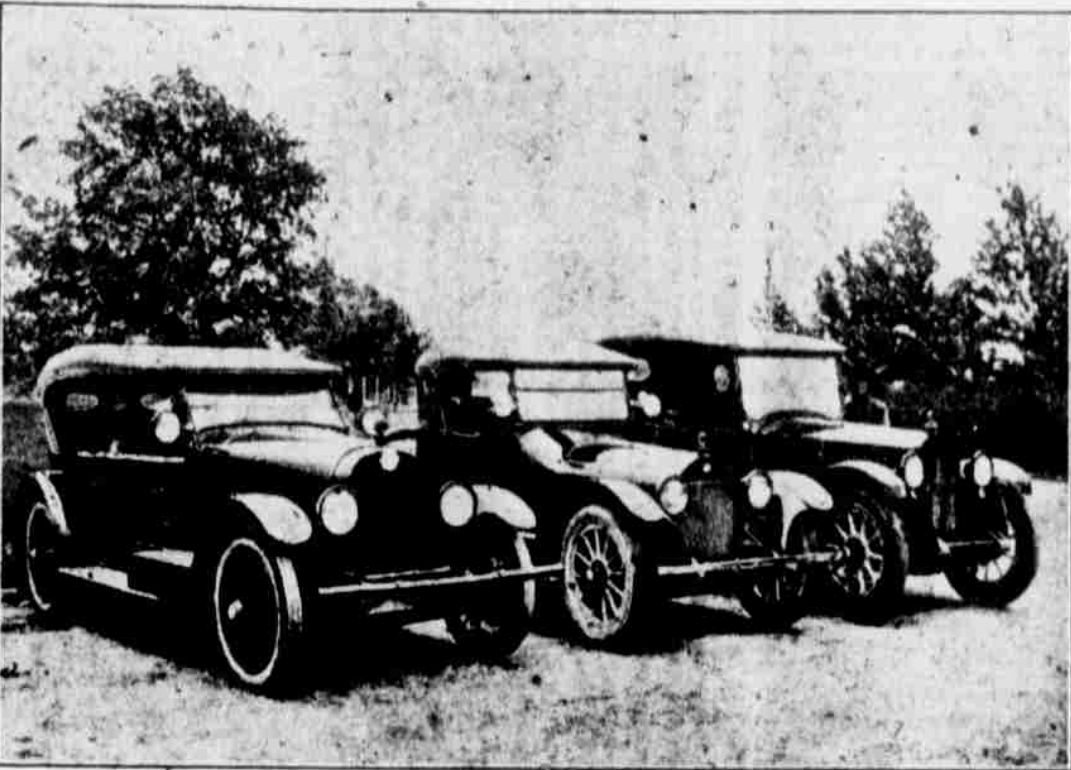
German Influence in Russia.

"Germany has not only been studying the immense resources of Russia for a half century, but during the past several decades has given careful attention to the Russian character, going so far as to place German teachers in Russian schools. As I said in my testimony before the Overman committee of the senate and on various other occasions, if Germany had deferred the war a decade or five years even, she would have had such a strong foothold in Russia that it would have been impossible to dislodge her. I have also expressed the view many times that it would be difficult if possible to establish peace in Europe with chaos prevailing in Russia or even with bolshevik rule dominating Russia. It is also my conviction that if a stable government is not established in Russia that Germany will utilize the resources of that country, organize its man-power as Germany knows so well how to do and become as powerful and as great a menace to the people of Europe at the end of one or two decades as she was at the beginning of the world war. Lloyd George said to one of his colleagues at the Paris conference, 'any peace which was negotiated here with Russia left out would be a travesty, for Russia comprises half of the dry land of Europe and half of Asia also—and he might have added over one-seventh of the dry land of the earth.

"Which side of the house do you think the baby resembles most?" proudly asked young Popjoy.

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WASHINGTON, June 21.—With the demand of Senator Knox of Pennsylvania for the separation of the league of nations covenant from the peace treaty, the fight against the covenant as it now stands is on. While the League to Enforce Peace has been busy for months, the opposition to the covenant waited to strike its most effective blows until it was in the hands of the public. The opposition is now displaying the greatest activity.

The League for the Preservation of American Independence, of which Henry Watterson is president, the organized force against the covenant, has opened headquarters in Washington. George Wharton Pepper of Philadelphia, chairman of the board, is directing the forces. Every state is represented in the organization and the movement is under way in every section of the United States.

Among the first speakers to take the field in opposition to the covenant, in a speaking campaign that will cover the entire country, are the following senators: Johnson of California, Borah of Idaho, Harding of Ohio, Sherman of Illinois, Reed of Missouri, Sterling of South Dakota, Fall of New Mexico, and Poindexter of Washington.

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